

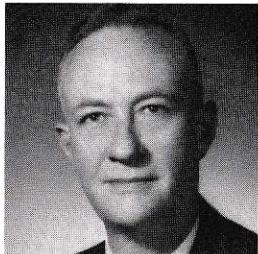


BOY SCOUT CAMP
*the training ground
for young leaders.*



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL

Quotes from your Camping Chairmen



W. R. Blew, Chairman, Council Camping Committee:

"There is no better training for the young men of tomorrow than the experience of camping. The camping opportunities available to you and your troop in 1966 are presented on the following pages. And the selection is impressive: short and long-term camping . . . tours and expeditions . . . programs at Philmont Scout Ranch, Region VII Canoe Base and the Conservation or Aquatic Camp at the Merriam Explorer Base. Don't disappoint the many boys in your troop who look forward to a full camping program. Make your plans *now* for the sites and dates you want."



John J. Crown, Chairman, Subcommittee on Long-Term Camps

"Camp is the proving ground for junior leaders to show what they have learned. It offers patrols the chance to function as they should—to pursue their special interests and develop an individual spirit and self-reliance. Lake Wolverine camp sites offer the perfect opportunity. Opened last year, they offer a new chapel, an extensive Administration Center and Information Center. With 11,000 acres, there is plenty of room for your troop. But, don't wait. Camping reservations are being accepted now."



George D. Carroll, Chairman, Subcommittee on Short-term Camps:

"Scouts have one of the finest short-term camps anywhere at Yorkville Scout Camp. Located on the Fox River, it offers ample opportunity for activities on the water as well as on land. And the Campmaster Corps will be on hand at Camps Yorkville, Fort Dearborn, Kiwanis, and Harrison to assist you and your troop during your exciting weekend outings. Through an active program of overnight hikes and weekend camping, the troop increases its proficiency and prepares for the big adventure of long-term camp."



Jere Lustig, Chairman, Subcommittee on Camp Promotion:

"Camping is a big part of Scouting, and Scouting is a big part of growing. The information in this book represents the first step toward helping you 'Keep the outing in Scouting' for the boys in your troop. Read it. Refer to it. Use it to plan a whole year of memorable camping events. Talk over the camping opportunities with your troop and your troop committee to determine the who-what-where-when of your troop's camping program."

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Summer Camp

Scouting really becomes exciting at the Owasippe Scout Reservation. Through a well-balanced camping program, troops and patrols are able to participate in a wide range of activities. The members of a patrol learn and master new skills together, while fellowship deepens. And the individual Scout has an unequalled opportunity to advance in rank in Scouting.

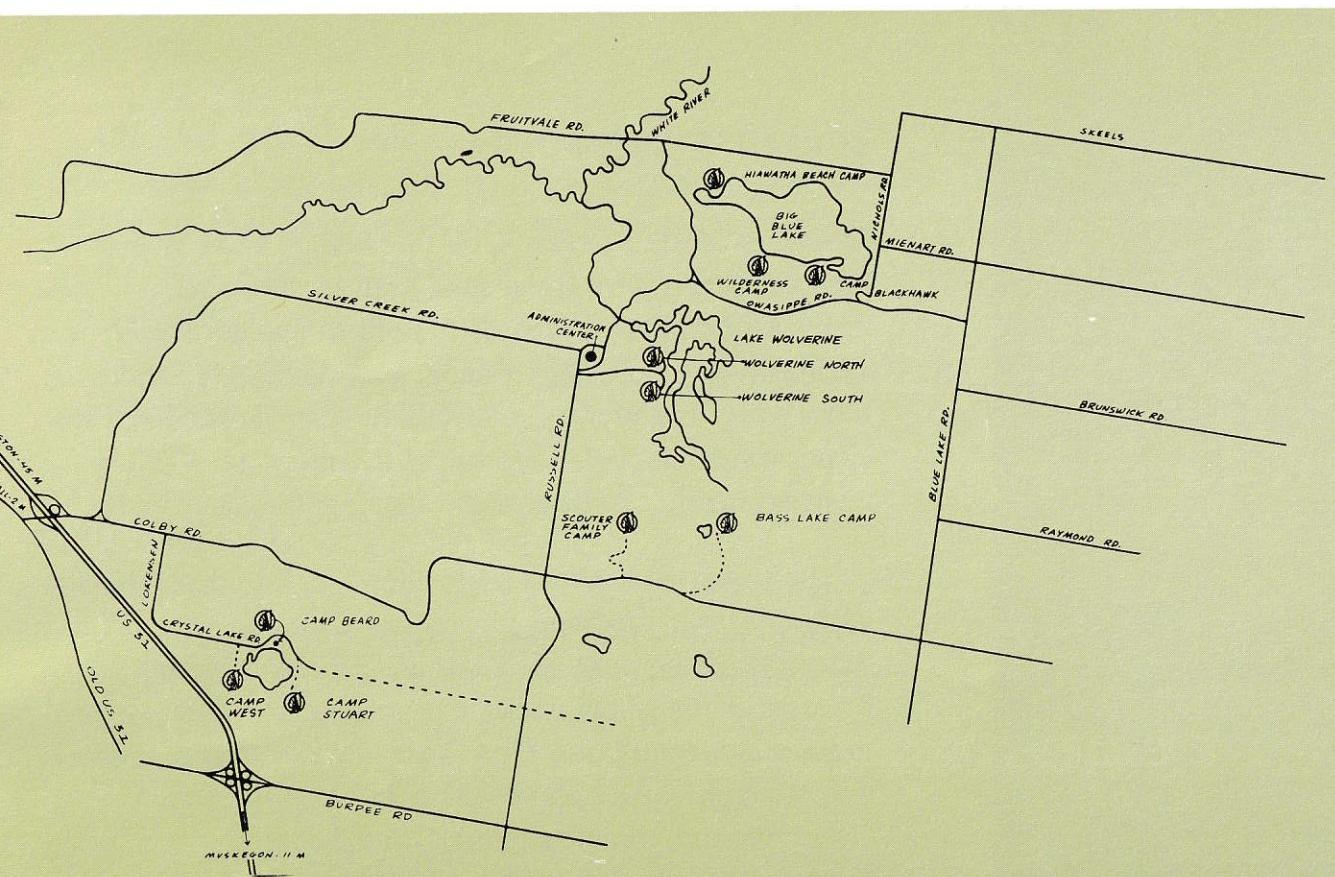
Troop and patrol agendas are supervised with leadership provided by the troop and supplemented by an experienced and qualified camp staff. Whatever the program calls for—boating and canoeing, swimming, lifesaving, archery, hiking, trail camping, nature study, campcraft, conservation, or evening recreation, the staff will work through the troop leaders to help each Scout get the most out of every day at camp.

Owasippeland is a natural woodland that stretches 11,000 acres from one end to another. And it may well have been the inspiration for Michigan's slogan "Water Wonderland" for it is well stocked with clear lakes and cool streams. More than 175 miles of marked trails beckon Scouts to all kinds of adventure.

In addition to the six section camps, the new Owasippe Scout Reservation Administration Center is in full operation. This facility includes a new administration building . . . health lodge . . . a central trading post with grocery store, canteen and outfitters' supply for equipment rental . . . a new food preparation center . . . and the Order of the Arrow Information Lodge for the convenience of visitors. The entire facility is located at the corner of Silver Creek and Russell Roads, in the heart of Owasippe.

Seven different camping plans and fee schedules have been developed to offer as many units and Scouts as possible the opportunity to attend summer camp. Although most troops attend camp for a two-week period, the schedule is based on one-week periods—another effort to give a camping opportunity to scouts that may otherwise be unable to attend. The Camping Committee, however, strongly urges that you consider a two-week camping period for your troop.

Owasippe has room for 1,460 Scouts in 75 troops at one time, so come on up!



Patrol Camping at Owasippe



WOLVERINE

Wolverine North and South, on the shore of Lake Wolverine, each contains twelve troop sites, with its own sanitary facilities and individual patrol sites. Both camps have their own administration building, boating and canoeing facilities on Lake Wolverine, archery, rifle and Moskeet ranges and a spacious swimming pool equipped with underwater lighting for night swimming. Groceries are available at the country store.

The large four-acre troop site allows each troop to develop knife and axe, rope and pioneering, compass, cooking and campcraft demonstration areas, and to set up nature trails. Program staff members called Commissioners will be assigned to assist in Second Class, First Class, and merit badge preparation. Campwide campfires will perpetuate the traditions of Owasippe and stimulate morale and Scout spirit in every camper.

Troops camping on Lake Wolverine have three options for food preparation: (1) Patrol cooking, (2) meals delivered to the troop site in hot-pack containers, or (3) a combination of the two. Dehydrated foods for trail use or practice will be available in lieu of hot-packed food. The rotational assignment plan of patrol cooking is encouraged as it strengthens patrol leadership.

A number of items used in patrol cooking can be rented for a nominal charge at the trading post. However, troops are urged to bring all their own equipment. Tents suitable for trail use are also available for rent.

To assure a successful troop summer camping program at the Wolverine camps, only those troops camping with experienced leadership should apply.

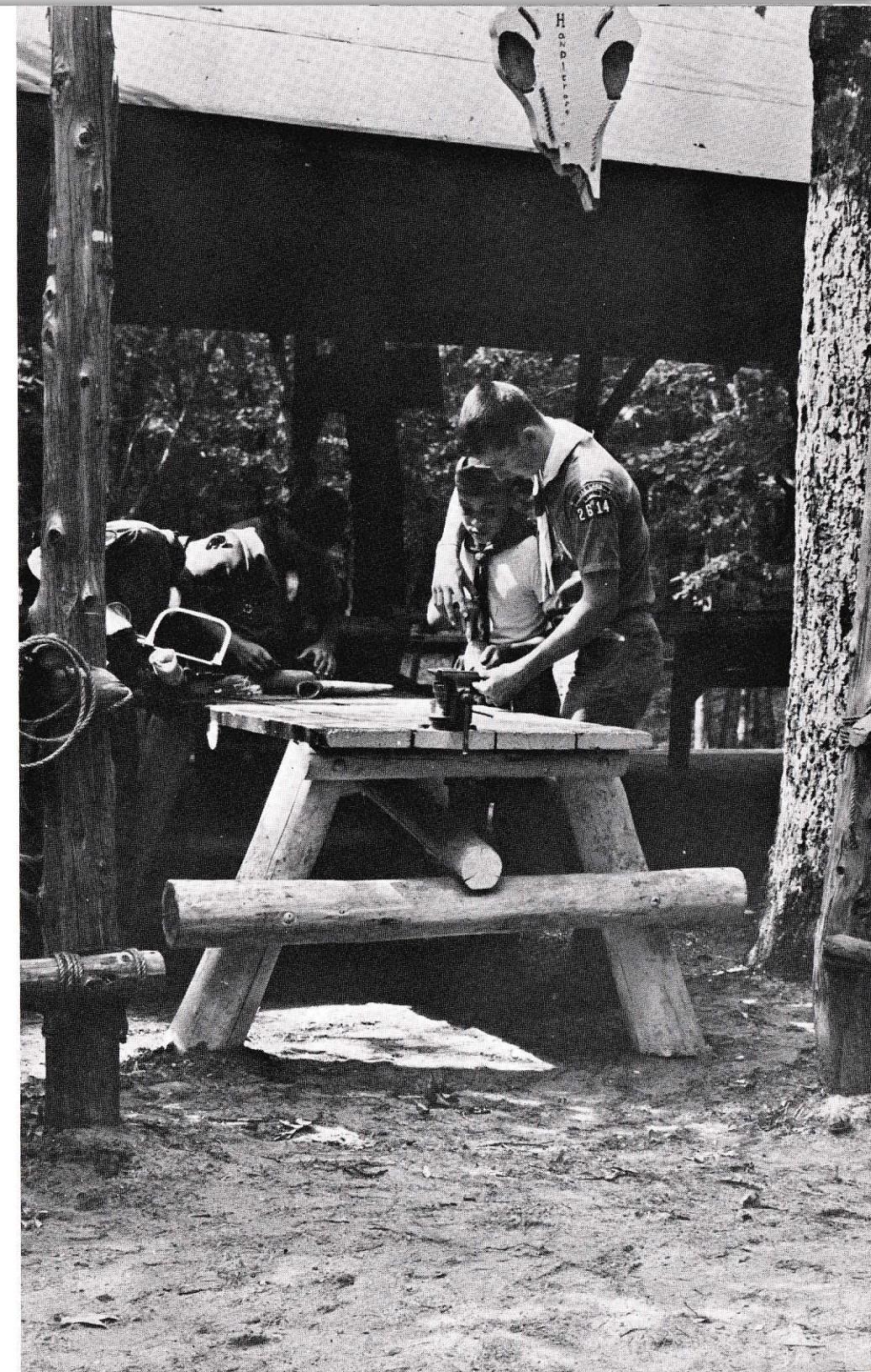
HIAWATHA BEACH, BASS LAKE, and WILDERNESS

At these camps, troop junior leaders under the supervision of the Scoutmaster plan and execute their own activities without assistance from the camp staff. At Wilderness, however, an aquatic staff is provided to supervise waterfront activities.

BEARD, BLACKHAWK, and STUART

At the other extreme, the highest ratio of camp staff to campers is provided at the older camps at Owasippe. The camps are small and compact and the inexperienced leader will find the staff anxious to assist.

At all camps troops will be encouraged to use to best advantage the hiking trails and waterways at Owasippe. The troop should practice camping by patrols all year long to be most effective during its summer camp. Make summer camp the culmination of the program year.





Choose The Camp Plan

Camp Periods—

The Owasippe Scout Reservation will be open for the following 1966 camping periods:

PERIOD I.....	July 2-July 9
II.....	July 9-July 16
III.....	July 16-July 23
IV.....	July 23-July 30

V.....	July 30-August 6
VI.....	August 6-August 13
VII.....	August 13-August 20
VIII.....	August 20-August 27

PLAN ONE

The *camp* provides:

- Camp site with toilet
- Waterfront dock
- 2 boats
- 2 canoes

The *troop* provides:

- Adult leadership
- Program staff
- Tents
- Cots
- Food and food preparation
- Dining equipment and other camping equipment required

*Camper Fee
Per Period*

Hiawatha Beach and Bass Lake Camps
(Daily Rate .70)\$4.00

PLAN TWO

The *camp* provides:

- Camp site with toilet and shower facility
- Water
- Separate patrol sites, each with table and dining fly
- Program staff
- Swimming pool
- Boating and canoeing areas

The *troop* provides:

- Adult leadership
- Tents
- Cots
- Food and food preparation
- Dining equipment and other camping equipment required

*Camper Fee
Per Period*

Camps Wolverine North and South
(Daily Rate \$1.30)\$8.00

Scout troops under Plans One and Two may purchase all their food at the country store. A menu will be avail-

able in advance and a Scoutmaster can be assured that all the food will be available.

PLAN THREE

The same as Plan Two except the evening meal is hot-packed and delivered to the troop site.

*Camper Fee
Per Period*

Camps Wolverine North and South
(Daily Rate \$2.30)\$14.00

PLAN FOUR

The *camp* provides:

- Camp site with toilet and shower facility
- Water
- Separate patrol sites with table and dining fly
- Program staff
- Swimming pool
- Boating and canoeing areas

All meals are hot-packed and delivered to the troop site. Meals for preparation on trail may be requested in lieu of hot-packed meals.

*Camper Fee
Per Period*

Camps Wolverine North and South
(Daily Rate \$3.30)\$20.00

That Suits Your Troop

PLAN FIVE

The camp provides:

- Tents
- Cots
- Separate patrol sites each with table and dining fly
- Swimming
- Boating and canoeing areas
- Aquatic staff

All meals are hot-packed and delivered to the troop site. Meals for preparation on trail may be requested in lieu of hot-packed meals.

	Camper Fee Per Period
Camp Wilderness (Daily Rate \$3.50)	\$21.00

The *troop* provides:

- Adult leadership
- Program counselors
- Additional camping equipment

PLAN SEVEN

Assignment of provisional troops to specific camps will be made by the reservation director upon arrival at camp. No specific camp site can be assigned in advance to Scouts attending camp as provisional units. Provisional camping is primarily for boys who cannot attend at the same time their troop attends or who want to stay at camp for a longer period than their troop, under its own leadership, is registered to stay.

*Camper Fee
Per Period*

(Daily Rate \$4.50) \$27.00

**Save money by early payment.
Special bonus available.**

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

ITEM	RENTAL COST		
	PER DAY	PER WEEK	PER 2 WEEKS
Folding Camp Cot	\$.05	\$.40	\$.80
Wall Tent, 2 Uprights, Ridge Poles and Stakes . . . . .	.40	2.45	4.90
Metal Water Pail . . . . .	.05	.20	.40
Wanagan Box . . . . .	.10	.75	1.50
Ice Chest . . . . .	.15	.80	1.60
Saw . . . . .	.05	.15	.30
Lock Box . . . . .	.05	.20	.40
Radar Lamp . . . . .	.10	.50	1.00
2½ Gal. Plastic Water Container . . . . .	.05	.15	.30
Canvas Water Pail . . . . .	.05	.20	.40
Camp Shovel . . . . .	.05	.10	.20
Scout Axe . . . . .	.10	.30	.60
Chef Cook Kit . . . . .	.15	.70	1.40
Dunking Bag . . . . .	.05	.10	.20
Hot Tongs . . . . .	.05	.05	.10
Chef Tool Kit . . . . .	.05	.25	.50
Aluminum Griddle . . . . .	.05	.25	.50
Dutch Oven . . . . .	.10	.40	.80
Sheepherder Charcoal Stove . . . . .	.30	.85	1.70
Trail Tent . . . . .	.15	.40	.75

PLAN SIX

The camp provides:

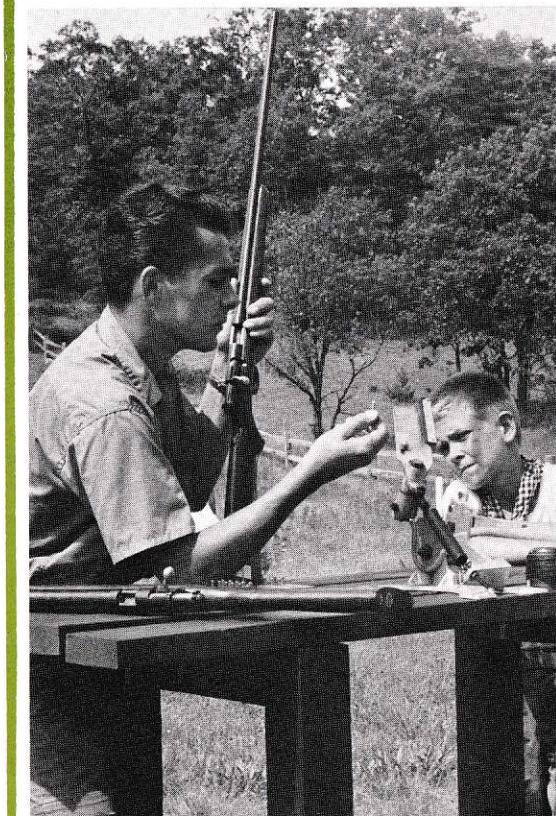
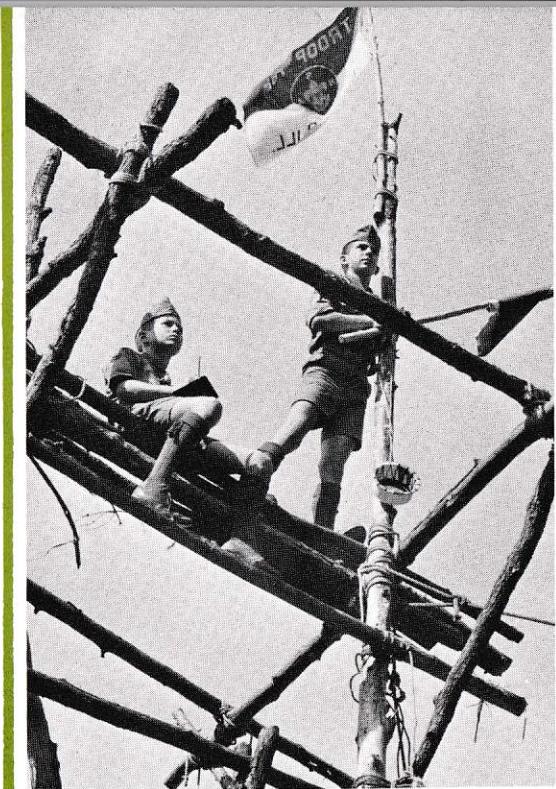
- Tents
- Cots
- Program equipment and staff
- Fully equipped waterfront

All meals served in dining halls. Meals for preparation on trail may be requested in lieu of regular meals.

	Camper Fee Per Period
Camps Beard, Stuart and Blackhawk (Daily Rate \$3.80)	\$23.00

The *troop* provides:

- Adult leadership





Green Bar Camp

A comprehensive training and orientation program for senior patrol leaders, their assistants, and junior assistant Scoutmasters will be continued at Owasippe during the 1966 camping season. The purpose of the program is to provide the opportunity for the top junior leader(s) of the troop to receive qualified instruction in all important phases of troop and patrol camping. This enables junior leaders to take a more active, authoritative part in their troop or patrol camping program and to be of greater value and assistance to the Scoutmaster.

A director and assistant will supervise the junior leaders in an intensive training schedule that will include:

- Familiarization with camp site equipment and section camp facilities
- Knowledge of the procedures followed in the program areas
- Special instruction in teaching Scoutcraft skills
- An understanding of the "Patrol Method" as outlined in the *Handbook for Scoutmasters and Patrol Leader's Handbook*
- Hikes and canoe trips to develop a knowledgeable hike leader and voyageur
- Special instructions in song leading and stunts for campfire programs
- Practice with hot-pack food equipment and patrol cooking

The most desirable time for junior leaders to attend Green Bar Camp is during the week immediately prior to the troop camping period.

Priority will be given to junior leaders of troops registered to attend the new section camps, Wolverine North and South, and Camp Wilderness. Others will be accepted on a space-available basis not to exceed 35 per period. Registration information will be included in the 1966 edition of the Owasippe Troop Leaders' Guidebook. The deadline for registration is June 1. The Green Bar Camp fee is \$19.00. Round-trip transportation by chartered bus is \$9.00. Payment of this fee by the troop committee is a legitimate troop expense.

Select your top junior leader(s) now and enroll him (them) in Green Bar Camp. The newly appointed as well as the experienced Scoutmaster will find summer camp leadership easier and more efficient with a junior leader who has a week of specialized patrol camp training under his belt.



How to Register for Owasippe

CAMP FEES—The Owasippe fee (on plans in which meals are provided) includes 21 meals starting with supper on opening Saturday and ending with lunch on the closing Saturday. (All camp fees include camper health and accident insurance.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE—Site reservations are now being accepted by the Camping Service at the Council Service Center, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Site reservations must be accompanied by a \$20.00 deposit. This fee is *not* refundable but is applied toward the total camp fee of your troop. The fee reserves the site until February 1, 1966. On or before February 1, a \$5.00 per Scout partial payment *must* be made for each Scout for whom you desire to reserve space. After February 1, the Camping Service will honor only those spaces for which the \$5.00 per Scout partial payment has been received. If space is available after that date, reservations may be made until the desired camp is filled.

After May 2, the \$5.00 per Scout partial payment is not refundable (except under special circumstances such as illness, summer school requirement, etc); however, the fee may be transferred to a Scout who *has not previously* been registered for camp.

The final fee payment is due one week before the troop leaves for camp. Troops that have not made final payment one week prior to departure for camp may forfeit their right to a specific camp and/or camp site.

The same payment schedule applies to Scouts camping with provisional troops.

SPECIAL BONUS FOR EARLY FEE PAYMENT — Save money for your troop by making the final camp payment early! Troops paying their total camp fee *two weeks* or more before their arrival at camp will receive a special bonus reduction of \$1.00 in each weekly fee.

CAMP LEADERSHIP FEES—Each troop must be under the leadership of an adult (21 years of age or older) at all times. Additional leaders must be at least 18 years of age. The troop leader may attend camp free with his troop (minimum of 8 boys). Additional leadership may attend free, depending on the number

of Scouts attending camp. Prorating the free leader fee will be done on the following basis:

SCOUTS ATTENDING FULL PERIOD	NUMBER OF FREE LEADER FEES
4 — 7	$\frac{1}{2}$ Leader Free
8 — 11	1 Leader Free
12 — 15	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Leaders Free
16 — 19	2 Leaders Free
Each additional 4	$\frac{1}{2}$ Leader Free

BUS TRANSPORTATION — We urge troops to provide their own transportation to camp. However, the Camping Service will arrange to contract buses for those troops that so desire. The round-trip fare in 1965 was \$9.00 per Scout or leader (subject to change in 1966). No refunds can be made for one-way trips. In no event can transportation be guaranteed after 1:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the Saturday that the troop leaves for camp.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION — Scout troops who have had a physical examination within 24 hours prior to their arrival at camp do not need to take a medical recheck. These troops upon checking in at the administration center will be directed to their camp site. Boys need not get off the bus.

DIETARY LAWS — The Reservation is unable to serve kosher foods, and it is recommended that troops desiring kosher foods prepare their own meals. Pork products will be served at camp. The menu will be published in the Troop Leaders' Guidebook. Troops may elect to be served a pork-free menu by so indicating in writing to the Director of the Reservation *before* June 20. Kosher trail food packs may also be requested.

The troop committee must carry its fair share

No Scoutmaster should be burdened with all the responsibility involved in getting a troop to camp. It is the Scoutmaster's duty to work with the troop in planning the camp program and to develop leadership within the unit to execute that camp program. The responsibility of arranging for camp finances, transportation, equipment and parent participation must be assumed by the troop committee. This is no more than is expected of the troop committeemen when they annually sign the troop charter application and renew the pledge that "It shall be the duty of the troop committee to secure a suitable opportunity for the Scouts of the troop to spend at least 10 days and nights on hikes and camps each year."

Suggested agenda for troop committee meeting

Early in the fall, a troop committee meeting should be held at which summer camp plans are discussed and the camping program is gotten under way. Many members of the Council stand ready to assist at this meeting in addition to the neighborhood Commissioner, the District Camping Chairman, adult and Scout members of the Order of the Arrow. The institutional head and the representative of the institution should also be invited to attend. Here is a meeting agenda outline that may be helpful:



- I. Welcome and description of the purpose of the meeting—to plan for a satisfactory boy-centered camping program.
 - II. Definition of the Scout method of camping. Visual aid, "The year-round camping troop." Discussion and review of camp literature.
 - III. Organize Troop Committee and assign responsibility for:
 - A. Selecting and recruiting adult leadership. Goal: one full-time leader for each 8 Scouts. Use "Six Steps to Secure a Leader" as a guide:
 - B. Selecting the camp, camp period and the camp plan most suitable for the troop. Goal: troop registered for camp by November 1.
 - C. Determining the total cost of camp fees, food, transportation, troop equipment, and the amount to be raised by troop effort. Goal: troop adequately equipped and financed for camp.
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You can assure the success of your parents' nights

Planning and publicizing is all it takes. Once your program and dates are set, send written invitations inviting parents to "Look at Owasippe." Have a phone committee follow up with a call to the parents on your guest list. A good way to get parent participation is to ask for volunteers

to prepare and serve refreshments or help with the arrangements.

Have a meeting now . . . have members of the troop committee visit with parents in their homes . . . have a follow-up session next spring to finalize plans, and you'll have more campers than you imagined!

Agenda for initial meeting in October or November

ACTIVITY	CONDUCTED BY
Opening Ceremony	Senior Patrol Leader
Introductory Remarks	Institutional Representative
A Day in Camp	Scout member of the Order of the Arrow
Film strip: "Troop Camping"	District Camping Committee
Troop Committee's Plan to get every Scout to Camp	Camping Chairman
Description of Troop's year-around camping program	Finance Chairman
Final Announcements	Equipment Chairman
Closing Ceremony	Scoutmaster
Coffee and . . .	Troop Chairman
	Senior Patrol Leader

Agenda for follow-up meeting in March or April

ACTIVITY	CONDUCTED BY
Preopening Display	Patrol Leaders
Opening Ceremony	Senior Patrol Leader
Introductory Remarks	Troop Chairman
"Our Plans for Summer Camp"	Camping Chairman
Recap of Camp Savings and Troop Fund-Raising Activities	Finance Chairman
Transportation Arrangements	Transportation Chairman
Program the Troop has planned for camp	Scoutmaster
Final Announcements, distribution of camp folders, medical blanks, etc.	Troop Chairman
Closing Ceremony	Senior Patrol Leader
Coffee and . . .	

Your troop can pay its own way to camp

The things in life we have to pay for ourselves are the things that have the most meaning for us. The same is true in camping. When a Scout pays for some or all of his way to camp, the camping experience assumes a greater importance. Helping to pay his camping fee gives a Scout a feeling of independence and real accomplishment. Here are some suggestions on how the Scouts in your unit can start earning and saving their way to camp.

Organize troop fund-raising events

Use the ideas in this list—or add some of your own. Get suggestions from troop members on how they'd like to raise money, too. Try one of these proven money-makers for a starter.

- Waste paper collections
\$8.00 per ton minimum; for details call Pioneer Paper Stock Division, 772-1000
- Sponsor a pancake breakfast on a Saturday morning
- Have a spaghetti or chicken dinner
- Rake leaves, shovel snow, do yard work
- Wash cars on Saturdays
- Sell Christmas trees
- Put on a play or talent show
- Set up a carnival with ring toss, dart boards, ball pitch, etc.
- Fun Fair Tickets . . . Your troop can earn a commission of 25% on each Fun Fair ticket sold. This commission may be applied to your camp fee.





In certain situations, the chartered institution may be in a position either to make a contribution in cash or plan fund-raising events using their facilities. For additional ideas on ways a troop can earn money for camp, contact the Finance Department at the Council Service Center and ask for their free pamphlets entitled *Troop Financial Record Book* and *Earning Money for Your Unit*. Additional helps, *Handbook for Scoutmasters* and *Active Troop Committee*, may be purchased at the Trading Post. Remember that troops can save money, too, by providing their own equipment. Additional program material for Parents' Nights is available at the Council Service Center. Included are Camp Promotion Filmstrips and Parents' Night Invitations.

Help your Scouts save for camp

- The Council Service Center will provide on request two savings cards for each Scout (free).
- The Troop Committee should determine the value of each punch on the card.
- Have Troop Treasurer and Scribe complete two cards for each Scout. The Scribe keeps one, Scout keeps the duplicate as his receipt.
- When Scout makes a deposit, Scribe places the cards together and punches both cards up to the value of the total deposit.
- Treasurer forwards funds by check or money order to Camping Service, Council Service Center, by February 1 and/or two weeks before troop leaves for camp.

Family Camp

*... a summer resort for
Scoutmasters' wives and children*

The Chicago Area Council offers a unique concept in Scout camping: the Family Camp. Carefully planned for the personal pleasure of the wives and children of Scoutmasters attending Owasippe with their troops, Family Camp lets the family enjoy exciting days and nights in the natural beauty of the Owasippe Scout Reservation. The Scoutmaster must camp with his troop, but there may be evenings when he may turn his leadership duties over to the Assistant Scoutmasters and join in the Family Camp program. No male visitors will be permitted in the Family Camp overnight. Boys of Boy Scout age or older are not permitted. Pets are not allowed.

A FULL SCHEDULE of things to do and places to go is supervised by a well-trained staff that will provide for the family's comfort and safety. Most of the fun centers around the attractive Family Lodge. The activities include handicraft and organized games for children . . . Ping-Pong . . . a patio with shaded tables and chairs for visiting with friends . . . hikes and field trips . . . entertainment in the evening . . . and swimming nearly round the clock from instruction classes to free swim periods to night swimming in the beautifully lighted pool. There's a special wading area for the little ones, too. And the entire pool facility is under the watchful eye of an experienced and qualified aquatic staff.

THE MODERN, ATTRACTIVE FAMILY CAMP CABINS are equipped to sleep six comfortably. Each of the two bedrooms has a double bunk, and there's a fold-out sofa bed for two in the

living room. Each cabin is supplied with mattresses, pillows, an electric kitchen unit with stove, oven and refrigerator, a dinette that seats six, hot and cold water—even an attractive fireplace in the living room. And the cost for these contemporary cottages is only \$15 a week!

Each family provides its own bedding, cooking and dining utensils and toilet articles. A limited number of infant cribs, high chairs and folding cots are available. Groceries are available at the Family Lodge and are sensibly priced so the family can stay well within its food budget and enjoy the things it likes.

A SANITARY AND LAUNDRY BUILDING is provided for each group of 20 cabins. It contains a series of separate compartments, each equipped with a flush toilet, shower stall, sink and mirror for maximum family or individual privacy. Tubs and washing machines are available in the laundry room and clothes drying lines are found adjacent to each cabin.

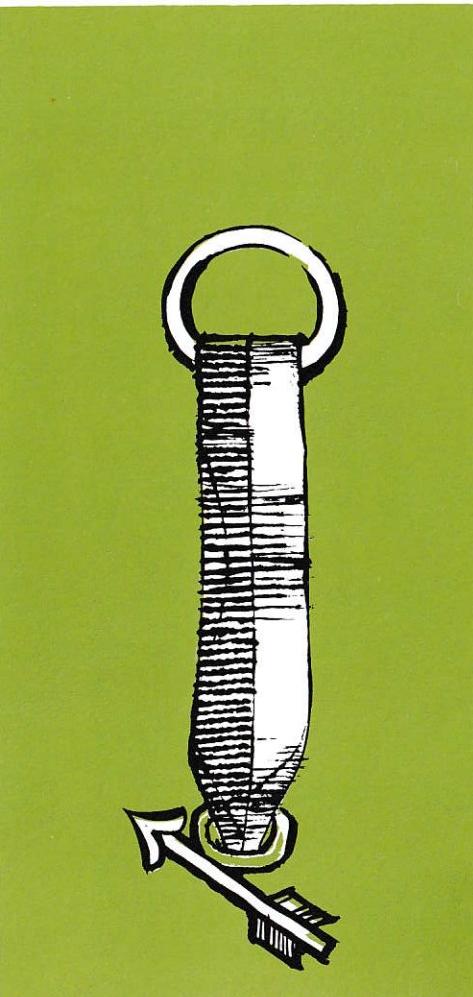
UPON ARRIVAL each occupant must present a health and medical form (available at council service center) at the administration center when they check in. This form must be completed by the family physician. Visitors must also meet this requirement if they plan to participate in camp activities or remain overnight in camp.

CABIN RESERVATIONS will be accepted after the \$20.00 reservation fee for the Scout troop has been paid. Only one cabin may be reserved by a troop. An additional cabin may be reserved on a "space available" basis prior to the troop's arrival at camp and after May 1.





Order of the Arrow



One of the most meaningful experiences in all Scouting is to be elected to the Order of the Arrow. Chartered by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow was established to accomplish several goals: to recognize Scouts who best personify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily actions and who influence other Scouts to conduct themselves similarly . . . to promote Scout camping, develop and maintain its traditions and foster the spirit of Scouting . . . and to focus on the underlying Scout principle of willing service to others.

An example of such service at the Owasippe Scout Reservation is the Information Center which is manned by members of the Order of the Arrow to provide helpful, courteous information to visitors.

Qualified Scouts, Explorers and Scouters are eligible to become members, but candidates must be elected to membership by their respective units.

At Owasippe, every Scout has an unequalled opportunity to prove himself worthy of the honor by demonstrating the necessary qualities of leadership, fair play, and service. Candidates elected to membership will be tapped out at a campfire during the troop's stay at camp.

For further information on this procedure consult the Scoutmaster's Program Notebook or contact your district camping chairman or your district Order of the Arrow chapter adviser. You may obtain his name and phone number by calling the Order of the Arrow at the Council Service Center, 782-3990.

Tours and expeditions available to troops and Explorer posts

LOCAL PERMITS

The Chicago Area Council is responsible for the adequate supervision of all trips and tours of organized Scouting groups from the Council within a 250-mile radius of Chicago. The Council, therefore, requires that each Scouting group traveling within this limit secure a local tour permit (Form Number 4426).

Applications are available from the Coun-

cil Service Center on request, and should be submitted to the Camping Service at least ten days before the date of departure.

A tour group must have its tour permit in its possession at all times, and must display it when requested by Scout officials or other duly authorized personnel.

NATIONAL PERMITS

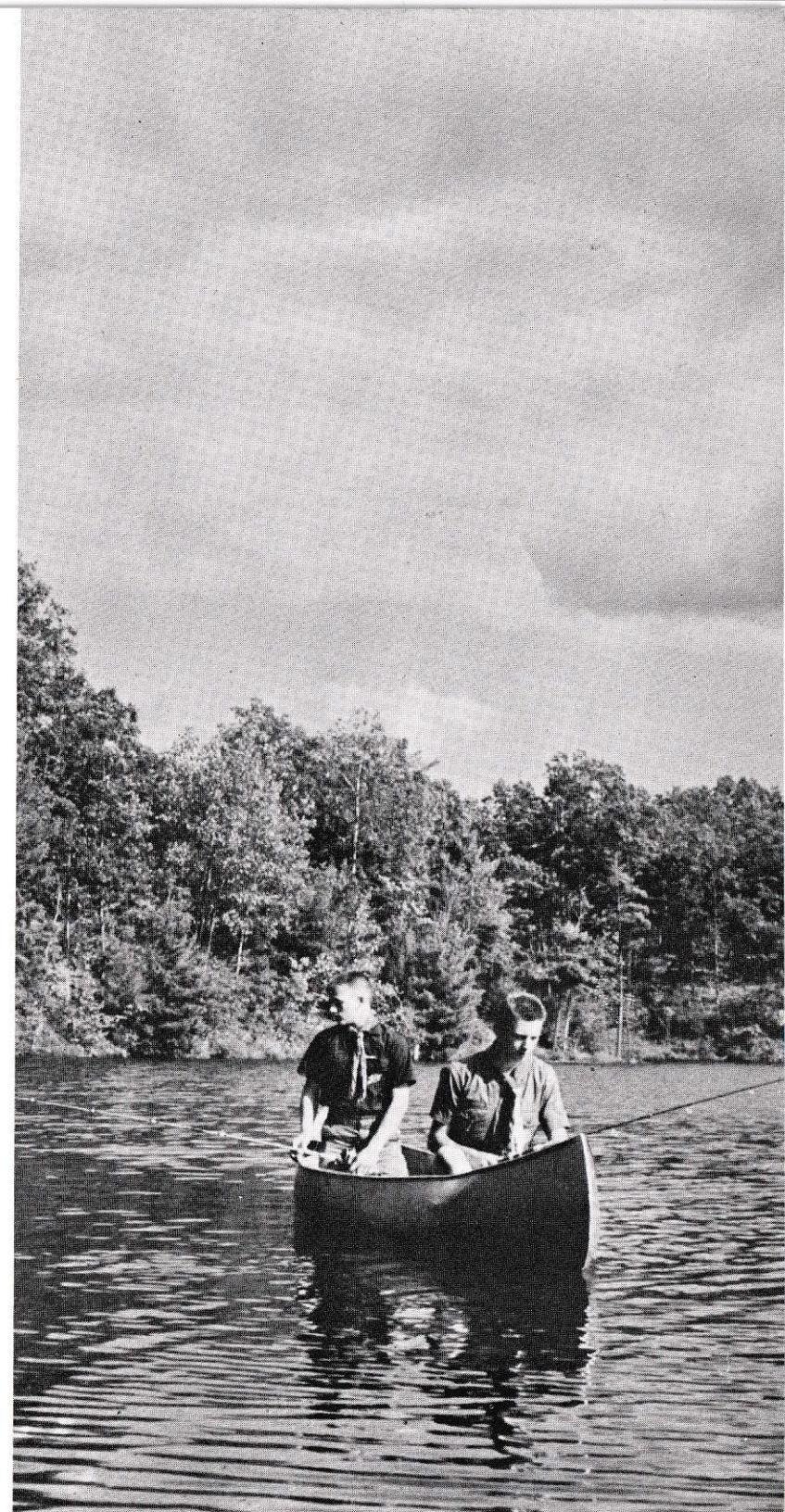
Organized Scouting groups planning tours beyond 250 miles of the Council area are required to secure National Council tour permits. National Tour Applications (Form Number 4419A) are available at the Council Service Center and must be submitted to the

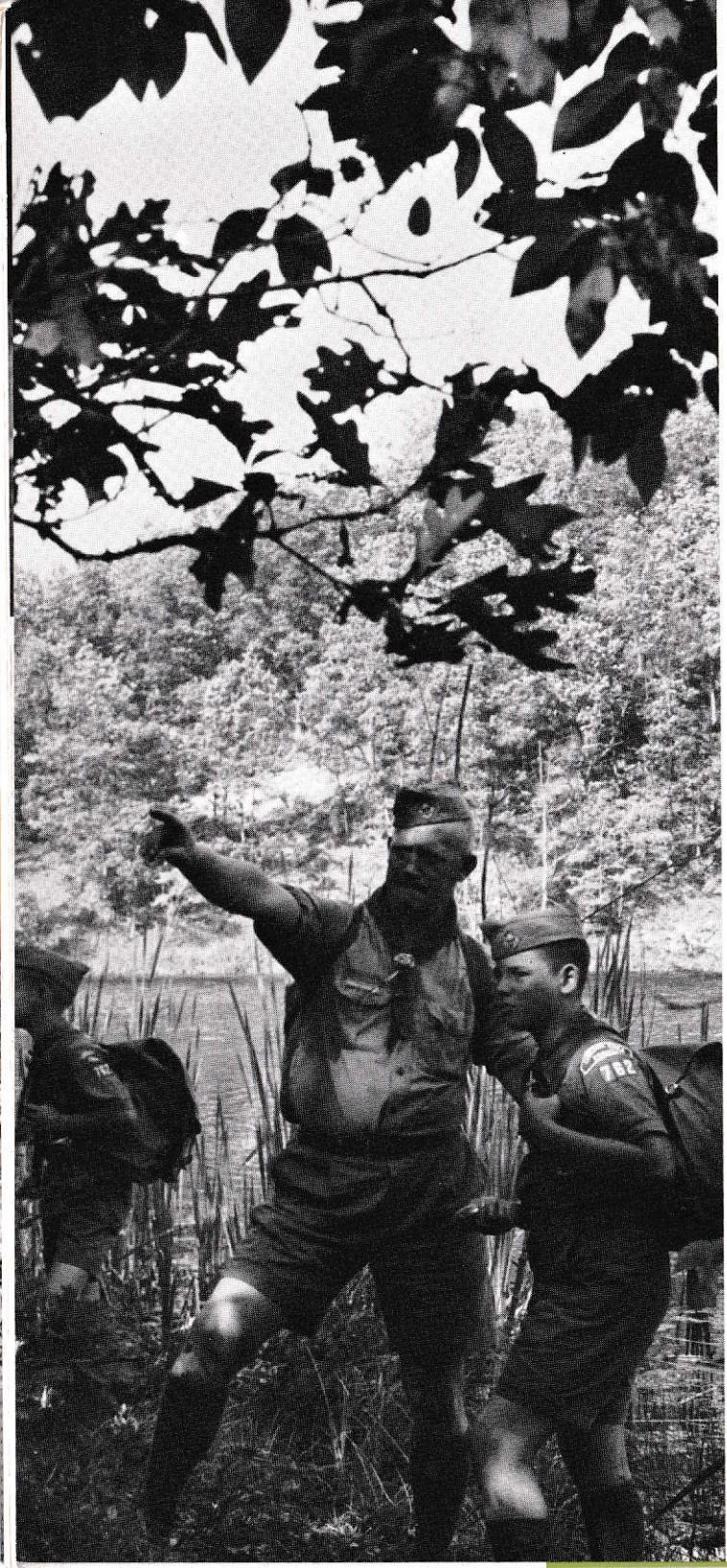
Chicago Area Council *at least four weeks prior* to the date of the unit's departure. After approval by the Chicago Area Council, the application is forwarded to the National Council which issues the permit.

TOUR MANUALS

Copies of *Tours and Expeditions* and *Campways BSA* are available at the Trading Post. These manuals have been developed to aid in planning successful trips, to safeguard the movement of unit members, and to assist local

councils in fulfilling their responsibilities of giving approval to the touring groups of the council. Any unit planning a tour or expedition will find these manuals most helpful as its plans are developed.





Hiking trails

Within a day's travel from Chicago there are many hiking and camping opportunities available to Scout units. Space does not permit the listing of all such areas; however, we will list the more popular hiking trails. Reservations can be made by writing to the address indicated. Tour permits, available from the Council Service Center, are required.

These hiking trails are sponsored by various Boy Scout organizations, and upon completion of the trail a medal, patch or both are available.

FORT DEARBORN TRAILS—around Chicago area. Length—5 separate trails with total length of 77 miles, a nature trail through woodlands. Fee—25¢ for trail booklet, \$1.50 for medal. Contact: Camping Service, Chicago Area Council.

ILLINOIS LINCOLN TRAIL—180 miles from Chicago. Length—21 miles, New Salem State Park to Springfield. Fee—\$1.75. Requirement—First Class to Explorer. Contact: Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA, 730 Vine Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

BLACKHAWK TRAIL—100 miles from Chicago. Length—20 miles in one day at Oregon, Illinois. Open part of year only. Fee—\$1.25 registration, \$1.65 for medal. Requirement—First Class. Contact: Camp Director, Camp Lowden, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

W. D. BOYCE TRAIL—78 miles from Chicago. Length—3 miles at Ottawa, Illinois. Fee—Nominal. Requirement—Tenderfoot. Contact: Starved Rock Area Council, BSA, 223 West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350.

ILLINI TRAIL—12 to 120 miles from Chicago. Length—119 miles; historic route of early explorers. Booklet explains what each explorer wrote in his journal along the trail. In three sections stretching halfway across Illinois. Fee—Booklet 25¢. Requirement—Tenderfoot. Contact: Camping Service, Chicago Area Council.

CARL SANDBERG TRAIL. Length—16 miles. Fee—\$2.50. Requirement—First Class or Explorer. Contact: Prairie Council, BSA, Room 520, Bank of Galesburg Building, Galesburg, Illinois 61401.

KEWANEE STAGE COACH AND PONY EXPRESS TRAIL. Length—19 miles at Kewanee, Illinois. Fee—\$1.00, Medal—\$1.50. Requirement—Second Class or 12 years old. Contact: Shabbona Trail Committee, BSA, 2207 North Prairie Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

INDIANA LINCOLN TRAILS—295 miles from Chicago. Length—17 miles from Lincoln Village, Rockport, Indiana, to Lincoln State Park. Fee—\$1.75. Requirement—First Class. Contact: Buffalo Trace Council, BSA, 515 Cherry Street, Evansville, Indiana 47713.

TULIP TREE TRACE—215 miles from Chicago. Length—22 miles in one day, Martinsville, Indiana. Fee—\$2.00. Requirement—Second Class. Contact: Tulip Tree Trace, BSA, P.O. Box 6, New Castle, Indiana 47362.

TEN O'CLOCK LINE—215 miles from Chicago. Length—16 miles, rugged, historic trail near Martinsville, Indiana. Fee—\$2.25. Requirement—Tenderfoot. Contact: Allen King, Chairman, Ten O'Clock Line, 1414 B Avenue, New Castle, Indiana 47362.

Region Seven Canoe Base

...an exciting adventure for Explorers

Known as one of the "Big Three" National Council Camps, the Region Seven Explorer Canoe Base is located in northern Wisconsin on White Sand Lake near Boulder Junction. Nearby are the Manitowish, Flambeau, and Wisconsin Rivers—complemented by numberless scenic lakes and meandering streams—making this real canoeing country. The whole territory is steeped in the lore of Indians, voyageurs, and lumberjacks. And it is not uncommon in a day to see a deer, porcupine, bear, fox, eagle, or loon and catch a supper of muskie, bass, pike or perch.

COST

To balance participation over the entire season, fees are lower for the first ten periods than for the last fourteen. A seven-day canoe trip from Region Seven Canoe Base costs each Explorer \$30.00 (periods 1-16) or \$34.00 (periods 17-27). Cost per Explorer is higher in groups of fewer than 8. This fee includes supper in the dining hall on arrival, food supplies for the trail, canoes and crew equipment, supper and lodging on the day you come off the trail, and breakfast before departing for home. This fee also includes the training of your voyageur. Each group must have its own adult leader. No fee is charged for one adult leader where 8 or more take the trip and pay the fee. Posts with 13 or more must operate as two groups on the trail, with each group having its own voyageur and adult leader. There is no added charge for the training of this second voyageur.

PAYMENT OF FEES

ONE-WEEK TRIPS—Cost is \$240 (period 1-16) or \$272 (periods 17-27) per group of 8 Explorers, or less, with one adult leader free. Cost for each individual over 9 in group is \$30.00 (periods 1-16) or \$34.00 (periods 17-27).

TWO-WEEK TRIPS—Offer twice the challenge to adventure and fun. Cost for each individual is \$63.00 in groups of 8 or more, with one adult leader free.

EQUIPMENT

All groups are outfitted by the Boy Scouts of America Supply Service with the latest and best canoe trail equipment available. This is included in the base fee. Equipment includes 120 canoes, ash and spruce paddles, group cook kits, food, packs, axes, trail tents (Baker, Camper, Explorer, Voyageur) and dining shelters, trench shovels, etc. Each individual must provide his own personal gear such as bedroll, clothing, toilet articles, etc.

HOW TO REGISTER

Unit applications are available at the Council Service Center. Reservations must be made through the Council and will then be forwarded to the Region Seven Canoe Base.



Philmont Scout Ranch



The Philmont Scout Ranch offers Explorers and Scouts over 14 years old the opportunity to go west, young man . . . and discover 13,000 acres of high-adventure camping land near Cimarron, New Mexico. The country abounds in majestic mountains and vast virgin woodlands. Camping high in the Rockies, Scouts at Philmont enjoy an unrivaled 12 days of trout fishing in rushing mountain streams . . . riding horseback and packing burros . . . living with deer, bear, antelope and elk . . . conquering Waite Phillips Mountain at 11,700 feet above sea level. It's a rugged, rewarding experience for a Scout to camp at Philmont!

WHO CAN ATTEND—Any registered Scout or Explorer who will reach his 14th birthday by September 1, 1966.

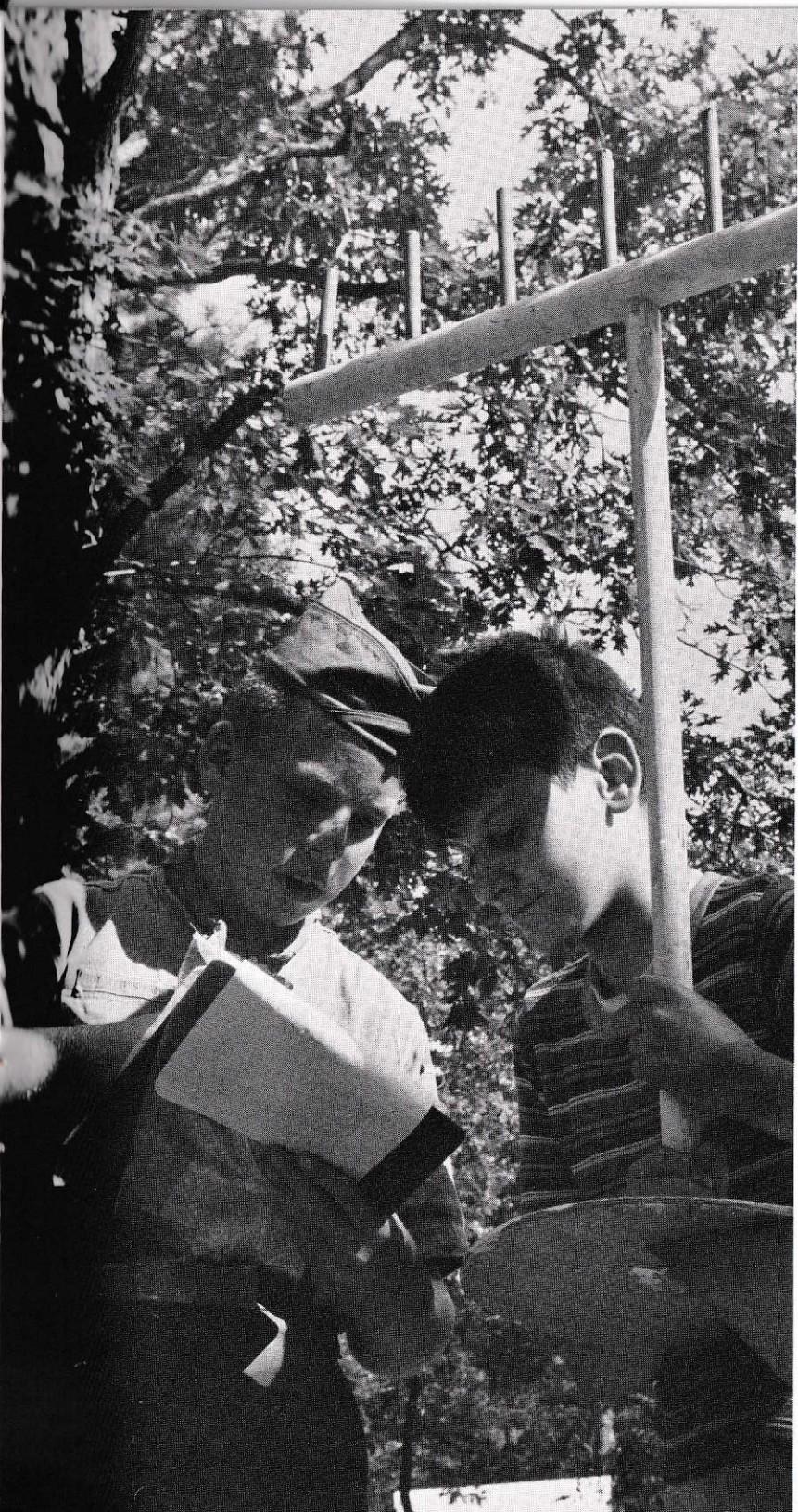
SIZE OF GROUPS—Philmont has no minimum or maximum size for groups. However, for every ten campers there will be no fee charged for one adult leader. An adult leader must accompany each group.

COST—The 12-day Explorer unit expedition costs each camper \$48.00. This includes food, tentage and all facilities. Each unit must provide its own transportation and individual camping equipment.

DATES—The Philmont camping season opens on June 20. The last check-in date is August 6. Your expedition may begin on any day in this season.

HOW TO REGISTER

Unit applications are available at the Council Service Center. Reservations must be made through the Council and will then be forwarded to Philmont.



Authorized troop camp off council camp sites

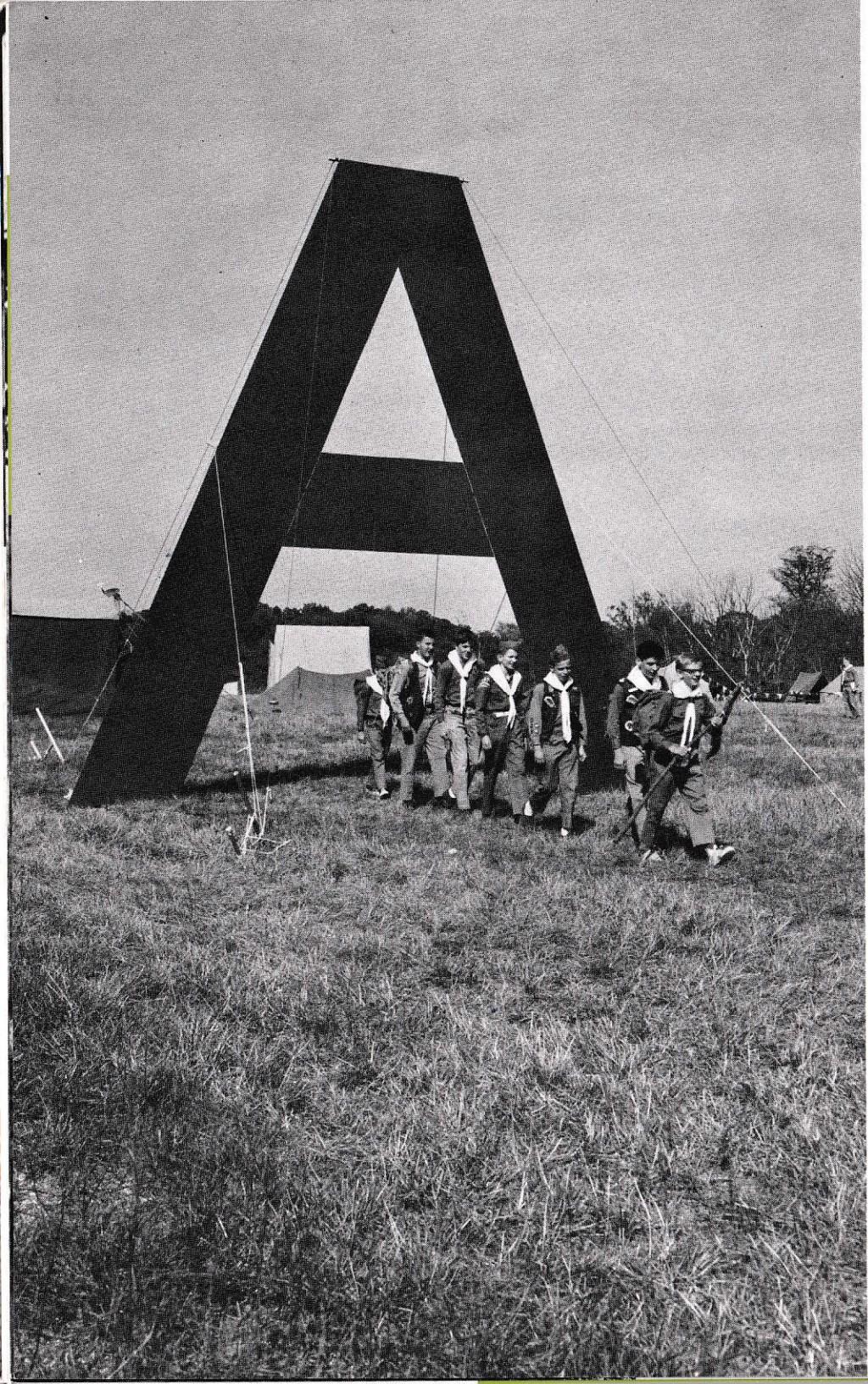
The Chicago Area Council has the responsibility of approving the operation of a Lone Troop camp, whether it is conducted on or off a Council camp site. When such a camp is conducted, certain minimum standards must be met to assure a safe and satisfactory camping experience. In accordance with National Council policies, the Camping Committee requires all troops wishing to conduct long-term camps on their own to give certain assurances as to leadership, program, equipment, health and safety, transportation and budget.

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZED CAMP

A troop wishing to conduct a long-term camp on or off a Council site should notify the Council Service Center. An application for permit to operate a Lone Troop camp will be forwarded to the troop committee. This application should be filed by May 1, if possible, and no later than 35 days in advance of the troop's departure for camp. The application serves as a guide in planning for a long-term camp and to inform the Council of those plans.

ISSUING OF CHARTER

A Lone Troop camp charter will be sent to all troops with approved applications. Applications for unit camps which do not meet the prescribed standards will be returned with suggestions for correcting or improving the plans for camp so that they will meet the minimum standards. It is the Council's desire to be helpful to your troop in working out your plans for a successful camp for your Scouts.



Yorkville Scout Camp

Scouts in the Chicago Area Council have at their disposal one of the finest short-term camps in America . . . Yorkville Scout Camp. The Yorkville facilities are available for tent camping year-round and include twenty-nine individual sites and five large camporee areas where troops can enjoy real Scout camping. A grocery store stocked with milk, bread and other perishable and nonperishable foods is maintained at Yorkville enabling a patrol to plan a menu and purchase their weekend campout food right at the camp site. Ice cream, candy, soda and other refreshments may be purchased at the Snack Bar, and Scout equipment such as flashlights, canteens, compasses, knives, combs, etc. is on sale at the Trading Post. Rental equipment is available from the Quartermaster Depot.

FEES FOR SHORT-TERM CAMPING

A grounds fee of ten cents per person per night is charged for the use of all Council short-term camps. This fee is payable to the camp director before the unit leaves camp.

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO YORKSVILLE

You may charter a bus to take your unit to Yorkville from any location in the Council. Arrangements may be made on the behalf of one troop, a combination of troops, or a district. For further information call Mr. C. C. Wren or Mrs. Jean Garber at the Illinois School Bus Company, Inc., 389-4545.

SHORT-TERM CAMPING

The Chicago Area Council maintains five short-term camps close to the city of Chicago, which are readily available to all Chicago Area Council units.

Camps Ft. Dearborn, Harrison and Yorkville are open twelve months of the year for short-term camping. Camps Crete and Kiwanis will be closed until the fall of 1966 to allow for new construction.

SHORT-TERM RESERVATIONS

Each unit desiring the use of a tent site or cabin on one of the Council short-term camps must first secure a permit from the Council Service Center. Permits are issued on the following basis:

TENT CAMPING

Sites for tent camping are available at each of the short-term camps. Reservations may be made through the Council Service Center and are granted on a first-come, first-served basis. You may make your reservations in person, by telephone or mail.

CABIN RESERVATIONS

Cabins are available at Camps Ft. Dearborn and Harrison. To give each district an equal opportunity to use the cabins, they have been scheduled on a prearranged district basis for each weekend from September 10 through June 12. Unit reservations must be made through the district camping chairman. *The district's schedule will be honored up to three weeks before the scheduled weekend.* If at that time all cabins are not reserved, they will be made available to any unit from any district. *Reservations for use of cabins on week days* can be made directly with the Council Service Center. However, the Camping Committee urges units not to allow cabin living to replace tent camping.

CANOE RENTAL

Eighteen aluminum canoes and three canoe trailers are available for rental to Chicago Area Council units. These canoes are used in our Council summer camps and therefore are not available from June 15 to September 1.

CANOE USE POLICY

In compliance with the policy of the National Health and Safety Committee, Boy Scouts of America, it is required that all persons

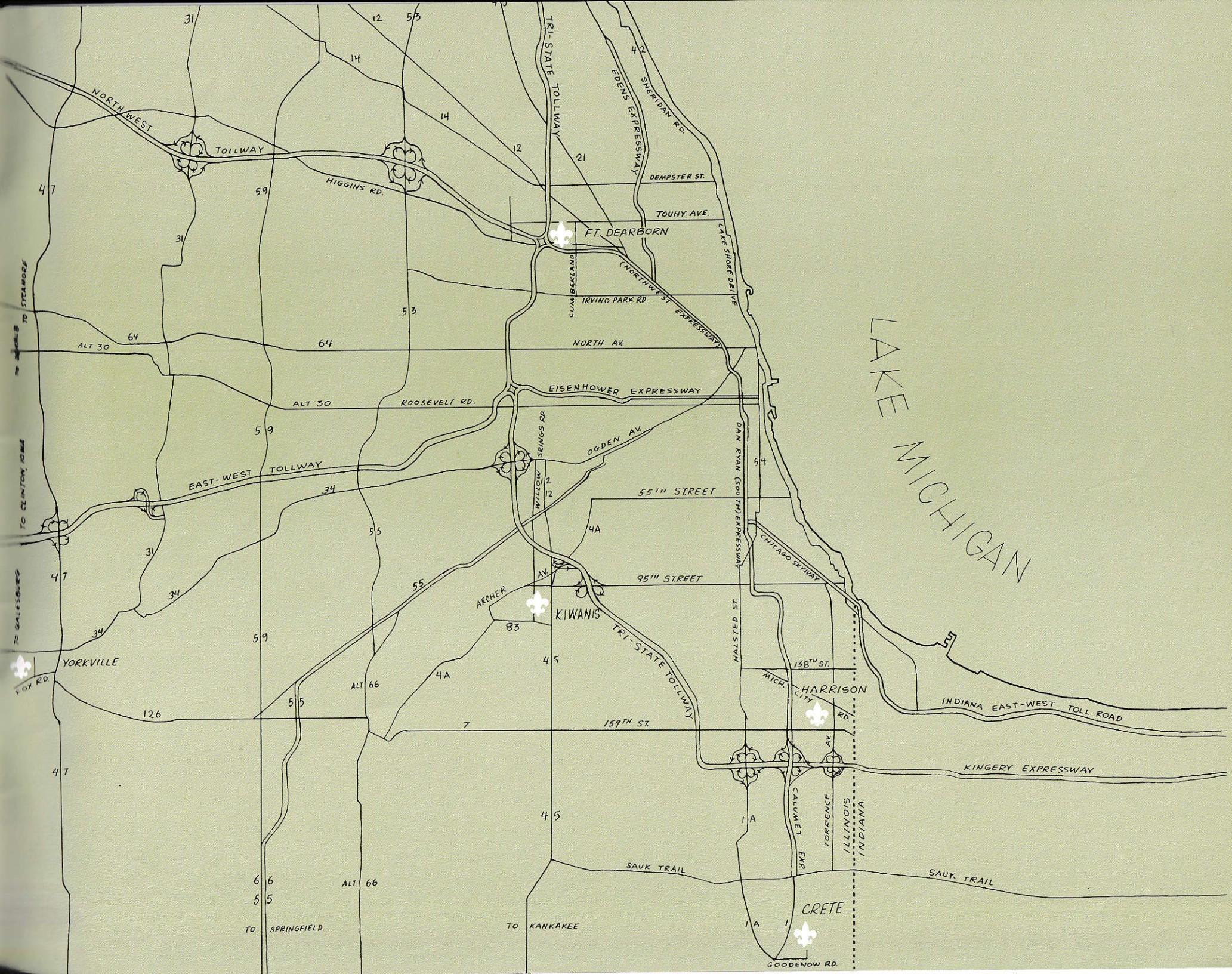
using canoes be SWIMMERS. By standard Scout definition this means the individual must be able to swim 100 yards in a strong manner. Unit leader(s) must verify that all persons using canoes can fulfill the above requirements.

RENTALS AT CAMPS

All of the Chicago Area Council short-term camps are supplied with camping equipment that is available at a nominal fee to units requiring it.

YORKVILLE	KIWANIS	FT. DEARBORN	HARRISON	CRETE	Rental Cost
x	x	x	x	x	EXPLORER TENT AND POLES.....\$.40
x	x	x	x	x	BAKER TENT AND POLES..... .40
x					CAMPER TENT AND POLES..... .40
x	x	x	x	x	DINING FLY AND POLES..... .30
x	x	x	x	x	TRAIL CHEF COOK KIT..... .35
x	x	x	x	x	CHEF TOOL KIT..... .15
x					DUNKING BAG
x	x	x	x	x	2½ GAL. WATER CONTAINER..... .10
x					CHARCOAL STOVE (Sheepherder)..... .35
	x	x	x	x	CHARCOAL STOVE (Hi-Lo)..... .35
x					TONGS
x					ALUMINUM GRIDDLE..... .15
x					ALUMINUM DUTCH OVEN..... .15
x					BUSHMAN SAW..... .10
x	x	x	x	x	CAMP SHOVEL
x	x	x	x	x	SCOUT SUPER AXE..... .15

CAMP**LOCATION****FACILITIES****FT. DEARBORN**Southwest of Park Ridge on Higgins Road,
one mile west of Cumberland Road.10 Cabins
Tent Sites**YORKVILLE**West of Yorkville, Illinois. Turn west on Fox
Road from Highway 47. Entrance is
1.4 miles from Highway 47.Tent
Sites
Only**KIWANIS**1½ miles south of Willow Springs,
on Willow Springs Road and ½ mile south
of 95th Street.Tent
Sites
Only**HARRISON**In Calumet City on Torrence Avenue, just
south of Michigan City Road (155th St.).4 Cabins
Tent Sites**CRETE**Southeast of Crete, Illinois. From Highway No. 1,
turn east on Goodnow Road.
Camp is 1½ miles east and ½ mile north.Tent
Sites
Only



Campmaster Corps

The Chicago Area Council has used the Campmaster Corps idea for the past three years. The reason for its importance is the Council's desire to maintain a high standard of camping. The campmaster idea is the extension of the commissioner service of the Council into the outdoor phase of the program.

A quality program of fun, adventure and purpose for boys is more assured when this support is given to the troop leadership in the outdoor program.

Each district in the Council has a Campmaster Corps made up of—

1. A key volunteer adult Scouter who is the CAMPMASTER.
2. A professional Scouter who is ADVISER to the Corps.
3. A group of volunteer senior and experienced Scouters proficient in camping skills.

Each of these Campmaster Corps has selected a date in the spring and again in the fall when all troops from their district will use the facilities at Yorkville Scout Camp, which was designed and

constructed with this program in mind.

Contact your district camping chairman for the name of your campmaster.





Merriam Explorer Base

The Merriam Explorer Base is a 200 acre year-round, high adventure spot in beautiful Wisconsin. It is available for posts and long troops camps. The Base program features include Lake Virginia with fine aquatic opportunities and exceptionally good fishing. There is a rifle range, archery range, and .22 caliber shotgun range, a field archery course and hunter safety course. Horses are available for rental in the immediate vicinity.

Winter sports are a feature at Merriam. There is a small toboggan slide, opportunities for skiing and snow shoeing and fishing through the ice.

There are several large pine tree plantations that offer interesting projects in conservation and wildlife management.

Seven of the forty-eight Wisconsin Water Trails are within easy distance. Canoes can be rented and transported to the start of a canoe trip. At its completion you can be met and the canoes returned. Outlines and trail maps can be examined at Merriam or secured through the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Madison 1, Wisconsin.

A short distance from the Base are the Poynette Game Farm, the fish hatchery at Wild Rose, the Mecan Hunting and Fishing Preserve, and many other areas of interest. Units could establish their base camp at Merriam, train for an expedition or trek, leave for a period of time, and then return for cleanup and relaxation. The Explorer Base and its resident Ranger can supply information, equipment, and facilities for almost any type of unit activity.

FACILITIES

In the spring and summer, units can use a tent site or a site of tent cabins, both of which also contain a latrine and washstand. Rental equipment is available, including sheepherder stoves for cooking.

Fall and winter dormitory facilities are available in the barn at Merriam, with indoor cooking and dining facilities. Groups of up to forty people can be accommodated in this manner.

A small Guest Lodge provides complete indoor facilities for sleeping, cooking and dining for groups up to twelve. Sanitary facilities are also available. Bedding, linens, towels, pots and pans and dining utensils are a part of the Guest Lodge equipment, as is refrigeration.

AVAILABILITY

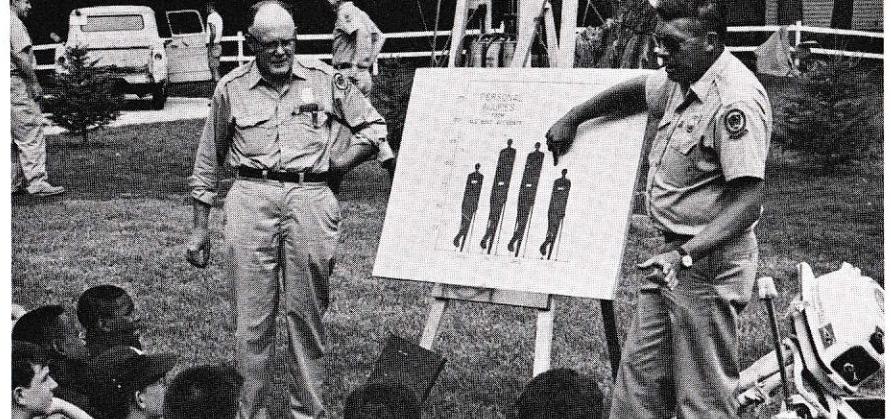
Merriam is available to units as well as to district and council groups such as Explorer Cabinets, operating committees, Chapter Fellowships, and others. Reservations are made in advance through the Council Service Center and a camping permit is issued.

RATES

25¢ per person per 24-hour period for use of camp sites and facilities.

50¢ per person per 24-hour period for use of the dormitory, kitchen and dining facilities in the barn.

\$1.00 per person per 24-hour period for use of the Guest Lodge and its facilities.



TRAVEL ROUTE

From Chicago, take Interstate Toll Road (Route #90) to Wisconsin line, where it continues north as a freeway. Continue past Madison to Portage. Cut off on Route #51 and thence to Wisconsin route #21. Continue on #21, through Coloma to County Road "Y". Turn left on "Y" and proceed to "B". Turn right on "B" to Buttercup Road. Go left on Buttercup, about 1½ miles to entrance to the Merriam Explorer Base. Look for signs from route #21 into Base.

SUMMER CAMPS AT MERRIAM

Two special, long-term camps are conducted at the Merriam Base for selected Explorers and Scouts.

I. AQUATIC CAMP

An intensive aquatic program based on the Swimming, Lifesaving, Rowing and Canoeing merit badges. The young men accepted spend most of their time in or on the water. Expert instruction will qualify them for the badges and provide an introduction to sailing as well as the opportunity to achieve Scout Life Guard and Mile Swim Award.

Free-time recreation includes field sports, i.e., rifle, archery, .22 caliber shotgun as well as basketball and football.

II. CONSERVATION CAMP

A well-rounded conservation experience, under the guidance of professional conservationists. Instruction in the areas of soil and water conservation, forestry, wildlife management, fish management and marine biology, game protection, and recreation management. Opportunity for vocational information in the areas of conservation.

A complete program of field sports will be included as will recreational aquatics, swimming, rowing and canoeing, and fishing.

CAMP FEES

\$25 per camper. A \$5 reservation fee at time of application will apply against camp fee. Health and accident insurance are included in fee.

CAMP PERIODS

Camps will operate on a six-day week basis. Campers will check in on Sunday afternoon between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Check-out will be on Saturday, after the noon meal.

CENTRAL FACILITIES

All meals will be served in a central dining hall, except several noon lunches, which are chuckwagon or bag-lunch meals in the field.

Indoor and recreational facilities are available. Also some sports areas out-of-doors.

A central shower house is available.

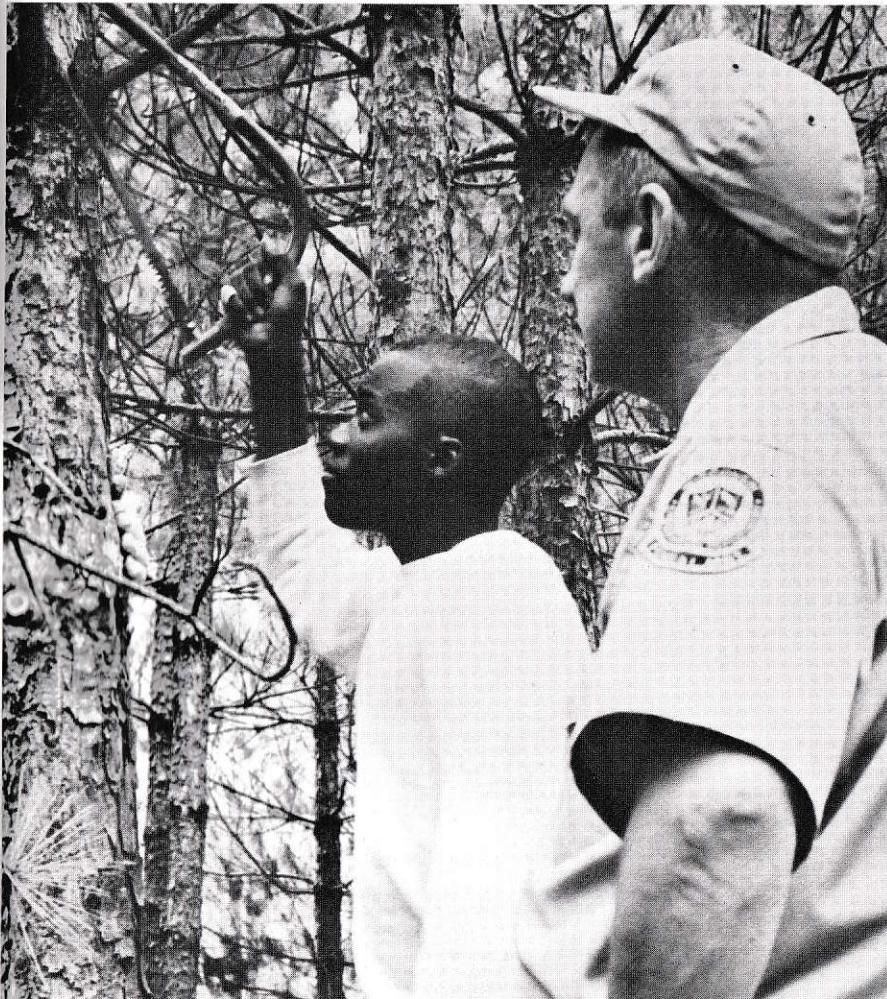
A canteen and Trading Post is open on schedule.

A quartermaster area will be open for sports, equipment, tools, materials, etc.

Central banking facilities are available.

CAMP DATES

July 31–August 6	Aquatic Camp
August 7–August 13	Conservation Camp
August 14–August 20	Aquatic Camp
August 21–August 27	Conservation Camp



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be by private car or chartered bus. Bus fare is not included in the camp fee and arrangements must be made in advance to ensure adequate facilities. Round trip tickets will be available—no refunds can be made for one-way trips.

CAMPER LIMITATION

A maximum of sixty (60) campers will be accommodated each period. Stay-overs must be arranged for by Wednesday evening of the preceding week. Applicants will be screened before acceptance to make certain they are qualified for the experience (Example: A nonswimmer or beginner would not be accepted for the Aquatic Camp.) Periods will be closed as quickly as the limit is reached.

RESERVATIONS

Camp applications are available at the reception desk in the Council Service Center . . . 300 West Adams Street . . . or through Exploring Service.

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